

THE HAWKESBURY RIVER MONSTER



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During the time that my cousin MSG Paul Leaird was fighting the Viet Cong in the jungles of Vietnam circa 1968, the 1st Cavalry Division needed some refreshing R&R. My cousin had explored the streets of Bangkok, Thailand, and now he wanted to see something different.

Australia was only a hop, skip, and a jump from Vietnam, and before my cousin knew it, he was taking a flight over to New South Wales with one of his soldier buddies. According to Australian naturalist Rex Gilroy, a Katoomba-based author and head of the Australian Unknown Animals Investigation Centre, there is a monster that lives in the murky depths of Hawkesbury River in New South Wales — a monster that seems to rival the Loch Ness Monster and Ogopogo the Canadian Lake Monster.

There are hundreds and hundreds of reports of citizens sighting the Hawkesbury River Monster. While my cousin Paul never saw the creature, he told me that one year before his trek to New South Wales, his Army buddy, named Terence, was fishing off the Hawkesbury River.

Terence was fishing with another soldier when they saw a 35-foot creature swimming in the river. The creature was described as having a snake-like head. Terence thought it looked like an aquatic dinosaur, similar to

Plesiosaur. Note: The Plesiosaur has been extinct for 70 million years.

According to Rex Gilroy, stories about the creatures in Australia date back to before the first white settlers and are a part of Aboriginal folklore. Early settlers to the area during the 1800s were told stories by Aboriginals of women and children being attacked by the moolyewonk or mirreeular, the Aboriginal names for the monster.

“Information collected so far suggests to me that the creatures are breeding somewhere offshore and laying their eggs inland. This would not be out of character, as there were both freshwater and saltwater breeds during the Cretaceous period,” Gilroy said. “They are still being seen in the Hawkesbury River, of course, which is not surprising because it is such a deep river. Actually it’s a sunken valley.”

Terence told my cousin that this huge creature had a fish in its mouth and was moving its head back and forth. At one point in time, the Hawkesbury River Monster seemed to actually look at Terence and his Army buddy and that frightened them to no end. Terence told my cousin that seeing this river monster made him a believer that anything can exist on Earth ... and does!

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